



Respect



Responsibility

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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the Principal, one of my main roles is to keep at the back of the pack, keep all parties moving in the right direction, catch any stragglers and basically monitor the path being taken.

As such, it is important I give some feedback over some patterns I've noticed in the past few weeks.

Firstly, there seems to be some issues with communication. Schools are very busy places and we set deadlines for permission and payments as this has a flow on effect to other people's jobs down the line. Sadly this term we have had a large number of late notices for sports days and buses, camps, school photos and parent-teacher interviews resulting in unnecessary and extra work for people administrating these events.

The school deliberately endeavours to give notice weeks in advance of these events via newsletters and special notes. To help with being organised please remember to do the following:

- Check the School Newsletter each Tuesday for details regarding upcoming events and special notes attached.
- Return the permission and payments straight away so you don't forget. If you feel you may have any issues with permission or payments, please contact us before deadlines and work out a plan.
- Make certain decisions for your child. We know that children become more anxious when they have more choice. Trust the school has your child's best interests at heart and understands the needs of each and every student. Furthermore, allow your child to develop the trust that their parents know what is right for them.

Thank you to the many parents who have returned forms and payment by due dates and keep up the good work! Further thanks to the many people who have volunteered at sports events and camps over the past few weeks. These events would not be possible without your contributions so thank you for supporting us in making them happen ☺

Coronavirus Update

You only need to look at the toilet paper shelves in your local supermarket to realise the importance of keeping a level head at this time. Please be aware of the following:

- The school will notify you straight away if there are any changes to our normal schooling routines.
- You do not need to call the school to ask if school or certain events are going ahead because of the virus. If there were ever any changes you would be notified via Compass straight away.

In the meantime, staff, families and children can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Here are some tips that everyone can follow:

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

MACS

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers donating their time at MACS, we have received a cheque for \$3026.18.

MACS are in need of parent volunteers to staff the store for just a few hours a week, fortnight or month, which provides us with financial support. This is one of our major fundraisers. If you can help out, please contact the school or MACS directly.



TARWIN VALLEY CONNECT

Parents and families, please come along to our Tarwin Valley Connect meeting on Thursday 19th of March, 8:30am in the staffroom. We will be planning a school bike ride for term 2 and our trivia night. Please contact me if you have any questions giliam.donna.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Tarwin Valley Primary School held the School Council's Annual General Meeting on March 10th, with only minor changes to the members for 2020. Claire Guy joins the Council, while departing are Donna Russell and Stuart Mackie. We thank them for their time and efforts over the past years.

We are blessed to have Danielle Lacy continue in her role as the President, Simone Jans as Vice President, and Kaye Ellery Burke as Treasurer, with Emma Lester taking over from Donna as the Minutes Secretary. The remaining 2020 TVPS councillors are Gene VanderZalm, Sarah Mitchem, Syd Jackson, Katrina Benson and Brad Kijlstra-Shone.

The role of a school council is to set and monitor the overall direction of a school. Primarily, that involves:

- overseeing **finances**, including setting and monitoring the school's annual budget;
- undertaking **strategic planning**, IE: setting the broader directions for the school;
- developing and reviewing school **policies** to ensure they reflect the school's values and support the school's direction.

It is important to note that a school council is *not* involved in the daily operation of a school, the hiring of staff, deciding what is and isn't taught in classrooms, or the day-to-day management and administration of the school. These roles and tasks sit with the Principal and the school's leadership.

The Council has set up two sub-committees for the coming year, with school councillors involved with one of the two:

- *Buildings and Grounds Committee* – to work on the development and improvement of the school's facilities;
- *Grants Committee* – to seek grants for funding development or activities at the school.

Parents who have particular skills or interests in either of these two areas are encouraged, to join a sub-committee. This wouldn't involve attending Council meetings (although you are welcome to if you wish), but would rather involve meeting up as needed, between meetings to undertake specific tasks, activities, or get involved with specific projects. Please contact the school if you are interested.

If you have any further questions about the TVPS School Council, or would like anything raised at a council meeting, feel free to chat to any of the above councillors.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- ☺ **Tyler H** for persevering with both sports days even when feeling unsure.
- ☺ **Sol S** for the resilience he demonstrated at Tabloid Sports.
- ☺ **Cody M** for not giving up when learning gets hard.
- ☺ **Evelyn W** for her enthusiasm and excitement to improve her writing.
- ☺ **Matilda P** for ensuring her learning task is completed by double checking her response according to our success criteria.
- ☺ **Bryn J** for demonstrating our school values throughout every day.
- ☺ **Charlotte H** for the resilience she has developed in recent times.



YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Cody M** for picking up rubbish around the school.

HOUSE POINTS	Weekly Winner:	Overall Winner:
	Waratah	Waratah

ACTIVE APRIL

Active April is a wonderful initiate to be a part of, is free to join and have some great incentives. I have created a team for our school and it will be awesome to see how active we can be as a school community.

Don't forget to come and join our free Monday Morning 8:30am Family Fitness Sessions to get some of those all important active minutes into your day!

Registration and Team Details

Login / Register activeapril.vic.gov.au Team ID - Tarwin Valley PS Team Name - tarwin-valley-ps

ACTIVE CHILDREN. ACTIVE FAMILIES.

Premier's Active April encourages Victorian families to get healthy and active by participating in 30 minutes of physical activity a day for the month of April and beyond. Jump on board and support our school.

Register and help our school win:

- One of 18 special Victorian Institute of Sport visits with a high profile athlete
- \$1,200 Rebel Sport vouchers for most active schools

You will also receive:

- 10 free visit passes at your local participating YMCA
- 20% off Fitbit watches and trackers
- 15% off Run Melbourne 2020 entry
- One free Cardio tennis session at participating Tennis Victoria courts
- 50% off 28 by Sam Wood Program
- 10% off Around the Bay entry
- 15% off Sole Motive active gear in store and online
- A three-month family membership with Bicycle Network
- 15% off Runner's World subscription
- 10% off entry to Sole Motive 2020 events
- 25% discount at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium and LEGOLAND Discovery Centre Melbourne
- One free hour of court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- Free entry for kids to Otway Fly Treetop Adventures
- Free entry to guided walks at participating Parks Victoria parks
- Weekly e-news tips and tricks on how you can move more
- Entry into the draw to win tickets to 2021 Australian Open Tennis Finals
- Access to a range of benefits, prizes and resources for schools, workplaces and early learning centres

Stuart's Cup Sports



- ❖ Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- ❖ We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- ❖ We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- ❖ There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- ❖ The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- ❖ The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- ❖ Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.
- ❖ Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.
 Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.

STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK



Jo Dunlop

French Teacher

Where did you grow up? Williamstown

How long have you been involved with TVPS? Just this year

What is your favourite past time? Table tennis

What is your favourite movie? Lock, Stock and two smoking barrels

One word to describe you? Chirpy

What are you looking forward to this year at TVPS? The students having fun in French

What do you love about TVPS? The friendly people and the students

What is something you have always wanted to try? Frogs' legs

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Return by Monday 23rd March, 9am

- I would like my child/children to participate in the Mother's Day crafty present activity @ \$5 per child.
- My child/children will not be participating.

Child's name: Grade

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Total Enclosed \$